

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Kindly amend the paragraph at page 1, line 5, of the specification as follows.

This application is a continuation of Application No. 09/761,466, filed January 16, 2001, which claims the benefit of ~~from~~ U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/176,419, filed January 14, 2000 (~~now pending~~), each of which is hereby incorporated by reference.

Kindly amend the paragraph at line 11, page 14 of the specification as follows.

Figure 5A shows the nucleotide sequence of hCsx/Nkx2.5 ~~mCsx/Nkx2.5~~ homology domains A1 (SEQ ID NO.: 1) and A2 (SEQ ID NO.: 2).